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1. AT RECENT MEETING WESTERN EUROPEAN RESREPS, SWEDEN AND SPAIN REFUSED TO AGREE THAT TIALY SHOULD BE ONE OF NINE " MOST ADVANCED" COUNTRIES AWARDED DESIGNATION SEATS ON IAEA BOARD AND ALSO REFUSED AGREE TO VARIOUS PROPOSALS FOR ROTATION OF WESTERN EUROPEANS AMONG FOUR ELECTED SEATS TO WHICH THEY WILL BE ENTITLE UNDER AMEMBDDED STATUTE. WE UNDERSTAND NEITHER SWEDEN NOR SPAIN SPECIFICALLY CLAIMED PLACE AMONG TOP NINE, BUT MADE DETAILED RECIPTALS OF ACTORS WHICH COULD SUPPORT SUCH A CLAIM, POINTEDLY INDICATING THAT ITALY LESS ADVNACED IN THESE FACTORS. SWEDISH AMBASSADOR (A COPY OF WHOSE REMARKS TO THE MEETING WE HAVE OBTAINED AND ARE SUBMITTING BY AIRGRAM) SAID : " WE HAVE AT OUR DISPOSAL FIVE SEATS, INCLUDING THE NINTH OF THOSE SEATS WHICH ARE TO GO THE COUNTRY MOST ADVANCED IN TECHNOLOGY OF ATOMIC ENERGY. ASLONG AS CHINA DOES NOT TAKE A SEAT IN THE AGENCY THE NINTH OF THE COUNTRIES MOST ADVANCED IS TO BE FOUND, I THINK, IN WESTERN EUROPE."

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2. SWEDES ARE THUS LINKING QUESTION OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED SEATS, CLEARLY FOR PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATING A DEAL GIVING THEM MORE FREQUENT ACCESS TO ELECTED SEAT IN RETURN FOR ALLOWING ITALY TO HAVE PERMANENT DESIGNATED SEAT. THEY WOULD LIKE SEE ONE SEAT ROTATE AMONG SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN, AND SPAIN, LEAVING TEN REMAINING WEST EUROPEANS (BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS, AUSTRIA, FINLAND, NORWAY, DENMARK, GREECE, IRELAND, PORTUGAL, AND TURKEY) TO ROTATE AMONG REMAINING THREE ELECTED SEATS. OBVIOUSLY SOME GROUP OF FOUR WILL HAVE A SEAT ONLY ONCE EVERY FOUR TERMS, WHILE ALL OTHERS ENTITLED SERVE ONCE EVERY THREE TERMS (OR ELSE THE ENTIRE ROTATE AMONG THE THREE SEATS ONCE EVERY THREE AND ONE- THIRD TERMS). THIS PROPOSED " DISCRIMINATION" HAS AROUSED INTENSE OPPOSITION AMONG REST OF GROUP.

3. SO FAR DISCUSSION HAS BEEN ENTIRELY WITHIN WE GROUP, WITH NO EFFORT SOLICIT SUPPORT OUTSIDE, AND WE HAVE TAKEN SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES TO TELL WESTERN EUROPEANS THAT THIS IS THEIR PROBLEM TO SETTLE AND WE WILL RESPECT DECISION OF REGIONAL GROUP.
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